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Dear Mr. Newman:

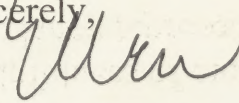
The announced retirement of John Hensch and Nancy Burkett after a combined employment of 66 years give the Society an opportunity to look back (what we do best) on the significant impact John and Nancy have had both at our institution and in the American book culture as a whole. Countless scholars, collectors, dealers, and librarians from around the world have come to know and rely upon Nancy and John's wisdom and encouragement in all matters concerning scholarship in American historical studies, the history of the book in America, librarianship and institutional collecting practices. The many scholars and researchers who visit AAS comment on the advice and helpfulness of our staff, and remark that they are our greatest asset. That being said, John and Nancy represent our gold standard. They will be sorely missed.

The staff at the Society are a remarkably loyal and dedicated group. The 10 longest serving employees at AAS have given an astonishing combined 305 years of service. Their longevity speaks to their dedication and passion for the mission of the Society, and can only hint at the depth of their knowledge of AAS and its collections. It is no wonder to me that they make such a positive impact on our visitors.

The Annual Fund provides critical underwriting for the daily workings of the library. Unrestricted funds allow us to expand operating hours and staffing levels. We continue to provide a series of free public lectures and giving basic reference help to researchers at no charge. Your support through a tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund helps make these services to our constituencies possible.

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Sincerely,


Ellen S. Dunlap
President

